

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-37. (canceled)

38. (currently amended): A transgenic mouse comprising a panel of expression cassettes, said transgenic mouse produced by a method comprising the steps of
introducing a first expression cassette comprising a first promoter derived from a first stress-inducible gene into a mouse at an embryonic stage, said promoter operably linked to sequences encoding a first light generating polypeptide, and

introducing a second expression cassette comprising a second promoter derived from a second stress-inducible gene into said mouse at an embryonic stage, said promoter operably linked to sequences encoding a second light generating polypeptide and said second ~~control~~ element promoter derived from a different stress-inducible gene than said first promoter.

39. (canceled)

40. (previously presented): A method of determining the effect of an analyte on gene expression mediated by promoters derived from stress-inducible genes, wherein said expression is in a living transgenic mouse, said method comprising

administering the analyte to a living transgenic mouse of claim 38, wherein administering of said analyte is carried out under conditions that permit light generation mediated by said light generating polypeptide in the transgenic mouse,

determining the effect of the analyte on expression of the light generating polypeptide in a living transgenic mouse wherein said expression is mediated by at least one of the promoters.

41. (previously presented): The method of claim 40, wherein said conditions that permit light generation mediated by the light generating polypeptide includes administering, to the transgenic mouse, at least one substrate for the light generating polypeptide.

42-44. (canceled)

45. (previously presented): A noninvasive method for detecting a level of expression in response to an analyte, wherein said expression is (i) mediated by promoters derived from stress-inducible genes, and (ii) in a living transgenic mouse, said method comprising

(a) administering the analyte to a living transgenic mouse of claim 38, wherein administering of said analyte is carried out under conditions that permit light generation mediated by said light generating polypeptide,

(b) placing the transgenic mouse within a detection field of a photo detector device,

(c) maintaining the transgenic mouse in the detection field of the device, and

(d) during said maintaining, measuring photon emission from the transgenic mouse with the photo detector device to detect the level of expression of the light generating polypeptide in the living transgenic mouse wherein said expression is mediated by at least one of the promoters.

46. (previously presented): The method of claim 45, further comprising,
(e) repeating steps (b) through (d) at selected intervals, wherein said repeating is effective to detect changes in the level of the light emission in the transgenic mouse over time.

47-48. (canceled)

49. (previously presented): A method of providing a transgenic mouse suitable for screening a selected analyte, comprising
generating a transgenic mouse of claim 38, and
providing said transgenic mouse or progeny thereof for use in screening a selected analyte.

50-64. (canceled)

65. (previously presented): The transgenic mouse of claim 38, wherein the method further comprises

introducing a third expression cassette comprising a promoter derived from a third stress-inducible gene into a mouse at an embryonic stage, said third promoter operably linked to

sequences encoding a third light generating polypeptide and said third promoter derived from a different stress-inducible gene than said first and second promoters.

66. (previously presented): The transgenic mouse of claim 65, wherein (i) said first, second, and third promoters are each derived from a different gene, and (ii) said first, second, and third light generating polypeptides produce the same color of light.

67. (previously presented): The transgenic mouse of claim 65, wherein (i) said first, second, and third promoters are each derived from a different gene, and (ii) at least two of said first, second, and third light generating polypeptides produce different colors of light.

68. (previously presented): The transgenic mouse of claim 65, said panel further comprising additional expression cassettes, wherein each expression cassette comprises a promoter derived from a different stress-inducible gene, said promoter operably linked to sequences encoding a light generating polypeptide.

69-80. (canceled)